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Dear Sir:

Please cancel claims 10, 11, 16 and 17 without prejudice and rewrite claims 7, 13, 14, 18 and 19 as follows:

7. (Amended) A data receiver comprising:

buffers, each buffer to latch a different data bit signal;

a first circuit to:

for each data signal, generate at least one associated pulse train signal in response to a strobe signal and the data bit signal, a duty cycle of said at least one associated pulse train signal indicating a degree of skew between the associated data bit signal and the strobe signal; and

a second circuit coupled to the first circuit and the buffers to regulate latching of the data bit signals by the buffers based on the indicated degrees of skew.

13. (Amended) A method comprising:

using a data bit signal and a first strobe signal to generate at least one pulse train signal, a duty cycle of said at least one pulse train signal indicating a degree of skew between the data bit signal and the first strobe signal; and

regulating a timing relationship between the data bit signal and a second strobe signal based on the degree of skew indicated by the duty cycle.

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